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# NICE indicator guidance

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## Indicator NM140

The percentage of patients with stroke or TIA who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March.

## Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

## Rationale

The aim of vaccination is to prevent complications from influenza in people with stroke and transient ischaemic attach (TIA). For most healthy people, influenza is an unpleasant but usually self-limiting disease with recovery within two to seven days. However people with underlying health conditions such neurological diseases are at particular risk of severe illness from the flu.

The 8-month timeframe has been chosen to allow practices to enough time to achieve sufficient uptake during the 6-month winter influenza vaccination programme (usually September to February).

## Source guidance

[Flu vaccination: increasing uptake. NICE guideline NG103](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng103) (2018), recommendations 1.3.3 and 1.3.6.

## Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March.

Denominator: The number of patients with stroke or TIA.

Calculation: (Numerator/denominator)\*100

Exclusions:

* patients who had a persisting flu vaccine contraindication in their record.
* patients for whom stroke quality indicator care was unsuitable or who chose not to receive stroke quality indicator care
* patients who chose to either not receive a flu vaccination or who did not consent to a flu vaccination.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance at individual general practice level.

## Further information

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